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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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FOR S/P LAKE AND AF WALKER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON

SUBJECT: FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

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1. I SHALL NOT BE IN MOZAMBIQUE IN AUGUST, BUT DCM NCGUIRE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS US FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA WITH ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF EVALUATION TEAM.

2. WE CANNOT BE SURE WE COULD SET UP MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIAL UNTIL WE TRY. YOU MAY RECALL THAT WE WERE UNABLE ARRANGEMEETINGWITH NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JANET MONDLANE FOR SADAP TEAM DURING THEIR VISIT IN MAY, ALTHOUGH MONDLANE HAS SINCE AGREED RECEIVE SADAP TEAM SOMETIME IN AUGUST ON DATES CONVENIENT TO GPRM. WE HOPE KNOW IN FEW DAYS WHEN THAT MAY BE.

3. IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON AID TO MOZAMBIQUE I WOULD NOT WISH TO TRY TO SCHEDULE A SECOND MEETING WITH MONDLANE AND/OR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS. TO DO SO WOULD CERTAINLY RAISE EXPECTATIONS THAT LIFTING OF BAN MIGHT BE IMMINENT.

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4. S/P AND AF OFFICERS, HOWEVER, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FIND USEFUL A MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE, SERGIO VIEIRA, WHO HAS MUCH MORE TO SAY ABOUT MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION OF MOZAMBIQUE ECONOMY THAN MONDLANE AND MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT. SERGIO VIEIRA DOES NOT MAKE A PRACTICE OF RECEIVING VISITING AID/ECONOMIC SURVEY DELEGATIONS, BUT I BELIEVE WE COULD ARRANGE SUCH MEETING

IF, PRIOR TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL MAPUTO, EMBASSY RECEIVES GREEN

LIGHT FROM WASHINGTON TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH GPRM ON
PL480 TITLE I AND III PROGRAM. (REFTEL B GIVES EMBASSY'S CASE
FOR PROCEEDING WITH TITLE I AND III TALKS). IF, ON OTHER HAND,
ALL AID OPTIONS ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED TO US, THEN I THINK IT BEST
THE TEAM NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT MOZAMBIQUE AT THIS TIME.

5. IF ONE OR TWO TEAM MEMBERS WISH TO COME HO MOZAMBIQUE STRICTLY
FOR IN-HOUSE TALKS, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE THEM, ALTHOUGH
THESE TALKS CAN JUST AS WELL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON WHEN I AM
THERE ON CONSULTATION.
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